NTPC entering into power distribution

851. SHRI P.K.MAHESHWARI :WiU the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has decided to enter in the power distribution business in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received the proposal from NTPC in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereto?

THEMJMSTEROFSTATEINTHEMIhnSTRYOFPOWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Board has approved formation of a wholly owned subsidiary company to take up Electricity Distribution business. Accordingly, NTPC Electric Supply Company Ltd. (NESCL) has been incorporated on 21st August, 2002, with its registered office in New Delhi. The Ministry of Power is supporting NTPC in its efforts to enter the distribution business with a view to accelerating distribution reforms and turn around of the power sector.

Status of APDRP in ANDHRA PRADESH

852. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP1 to assist the States in Power Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of APDRP in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYA WANTIMEHTA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Power has initiated large-scale reforms in the power sector. Under the reforms programme, the